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Interborough Official Accused of Evading Order for Safety Signal System.

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"It is an impudent, evasive and rotten thing," said Public Service Commissioner Hayward at a meeting of the commission yesterday. He was talking about a letter from Frank Hedley, general manager of the Interborough lines, regarding the commission's order for the installation of a safety signal system on the elevated roads.

The order was adopted on April 23 last on motion of Sergeant Cram. It required the Interborough company to equip its lines "with a system of signals capable of preventing collisions" and at the same time permitting maximum train operation. The company was ordered to give one or more systems a trial on some part of its lines not later than October 1 and to submit by June 1 next the results of the tests, so that the commission could determine whether or not the roads should be equipped with the safety device.

Mr. Hedley, writing to the commission

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"Our engineers have considered this problem very carefully and have looked into a number of signal systems, some of which are already in use," he stated and others still being in process of development, and we are still giving study to signal systems that have come before us."

"From our studies we are unable to discover on the market or in process of development such a system of signals as we need," he said, "and I am sure one that will give us the maximum of safety without in any way reducing the capacity of the road."

"I am sure," he said, "that we know if your commission has learned of any such system of signals, and where we may examine the same." In the meanwhile we are continuing our own investigations of this important problem and respectfully request that the commission either suspend the operation of the road for a period of three or four months more time within which to make further investigations.

When the letter was read yesterday Mr. Cram said: "I am sure that it is both impudent and an evasion of the order."

"It is more than that," said Col. Hayward. "It is an impudent, evasive and rotten evasion."

"Von Bernstein must have dictated that letter," added Mr. Cram. "It sounds as if he were writing to President Wilson."

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